

# MBA Celebrates Homecoming Tomorrow



Photo by Eddie White  
Ready for the Homecoming parade are Willie Hardison, Brad Reed, John Clay, Tommy Murphree, and Buddy Vaughn.

## Spaghetti Supper To Be Held Friday, November 2

The Ladies' Auxiliary of MBA will again sponsor our annual homecoming spaghetti supper to-morrow night. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and continue until 7:30 p.m. For the past few weeks tickets have been on sale for \$1.00, and already sales totals are high. Despite the crowds, there will be plenty for all as Mrs. G. F. Cole, Jr., and her committee chairman serve the plates in our cafeteria.

A tremendous debt of gratitude is owed by all attending the supper to the mothers who have graciously given their time and efforts in order to make the supper a success.

The guests will be served by Nashville's prettiest girls as Dawn Shaffer, Peggy Edge, Dottie Frist, Carol Hilton, Linda Christie, Betty Daniels, Sally Cheshire, Louise Davis, Ann Glenn, Judy Thornton, Betsy Ball, Judy Lackey, Marilyn Cook, Mary Corrine Brothers, Gloria Creagh, Janice Huddleston, June McCoy, Missy Herbert, Janice Thomas, Mary Ann Braden, Mary

Lee Phillips, Lucy Bedford, Carol Cheshire, Marian Averbuch, Sandra Ramsey, Jane Morrissey, Laurie Reuther, Linda Burlingame, Doris Templeton, Mary Ann Skinner, Susie Reynolds, Gale Greenleaf, Carol Davidson, Pat Spikard, Betsy Erwin, Beverly Koogler have been chosen by our football team to be our waitresses.

### Students Elect Officers

At the beginning of the school year, the students of MBA elected their class officers and the members of the Student Council and the Honor Council. These boys will preside in the class meetings and will represent the students in the respective councils.

The boys elected are these:

**Senior Class**  
President—Brad Reed  
Vice-President—Emmett Dozier  
Secretary—Treasurer—Jodie Wallace  
**Honor Council Members—**  
Ransom White  
Clay Huddleston  
Wade Elam  
Russell Hooper  
**Student Council—**  
Rollin Lasseter  
Don Brothers

**Junior Class**  
President—Tommy Murphree  
Vice-President—John Dale  
Secretary—Treasurer—George McGugin

**Honor Council Members—**  
John Carpenter  
Ed Creagh  
Bill Barr  
**Student Council Members—**  
David Duke  
Jimmy Knight

**Sophomore Class**  
President—John Clay  
Vice-President—Whitney Griffin  
Secretary—Treasurer—Tom Stephens  
**Honor Council Members—**  
Carl Babb  
Richard Appen  
**Student Council Members—**  
George Creagh  
Eddie Murry

**Freshman Class**  
President—Willie Hardison  
Vice-President—Craig Nielson  
Secretary—Treasurer—Jeff Williams  
**Honor Council Members—**  
Frank Cherry  
Bobby Frist  
**Student Council Members—**  
Lewis Dale  
Joe Howell

**Junior School**  
President—Buddy Vaughn  
Vice-President—Bill Shwab  
Secretary—Treasurer—Tony Todd  
**Honor Council Member—Ray Francis**  
**Student Council Member—Chris Williams**

Reigning over the many activities of Friday, November 2, will be our lovely queen, Miss Louise Davis of Harpeth Hall. Louise will be attended by Miss Carol Davidson of St. Bernard; Miss Dawn Shaffer of Hillsboro; Miss Judy Lackey of Harpeth Hall, and Miss Sandra Ramsey of Hillsboro.

Every organization at MBA has undertaken a special project that will add to the festivities. The individual classes have combined to support the Student Council in preparing for the parade which will open tomorrow's activities. A prize is to be offered for the best decorated car and the winner will

lead the parade. Behind the leading car will be the senior class officers, who are directing the parade. Then the royal float, a mutual effort of all the classes, will carry the queen and her court. Some 30 cars have been promised to our parade.

After the spaghetti supper, the entire student body will be present in the stands to cheer our team on the field. The Hi-Y is making shakers, the Junior School is preparing posters, and the Key Club will decorate the goals and stands. 8:00 p.m., CST, starts the game during which the freshmen's noisemakers will go into action. The Hi-Y and Student Council will sponsor a dance in our gym after the game. Admission will

be 50 cents for couples and 35 cents for stags. Couples arriving will find our gym covered in red and white as victory will be celebrated in the grand manner.

Jodie Wallace, president of the Hi-Y, asks if 77-7 will be an appropriate score for this year's games. "66-6 was such a little edge."

This will be one of the best homecomings ever for the MBA grade who will wander across the campus tomorrow night. The football team plans to annihilate Hillsboro again this year, and the student body is prepared to give its fullest support so that our arch rivals can once more be "edged out."

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### MBA Clubs Get Under Way

The routine of classes promises to be pleasantly broken again this year with club activities. Various groups are already organized on the hill; officers are being elected and plans and goals for the coming year are being announced. Each group is anticipating an active and successful year.

Following is a list of the clubs, their respective officers and plans:

#### Hi-Y

President: Jodie Wallace  
Vice-President: Jim Thurman  
Secretary: Emmett Dozier  
Treasurer: Wade Elam  
Chaplain: Rollin Lasseter  
Sentinels: Ronnie Grubbs and Bowyer Cheshire

The Hi-Y Club held its first meeting on Wednesday, October 3. Plans were discussed for the Hi-Y convention to be held on November 9-11 at Hillsboro. Arrangements are under way to bring about more harmony between the schools by having the students share in Christian fellowship. MBA expects to be well represented at this convention.

#### The Forensic Club

President: Rollin Lasseter  
Vice-President: Wade Elam  
Secretary—Treasurer: Ransom White  
Program Chairman: George Sloan

Meeting on Monday, October 1, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Forensic Club were read and revised, and the new members were voted into the club. The Forensic Club is planning to sponsor a definite program in chapel every Wednesday, either by members or by outside speakers. The next meeting of the club, at which Mr. Arthur Crownover, an outstanding local attorney, will be guest speaker, is scheduled for Monday, November 5, at Clay Huddleston's house.

#### The Key Club

President: Jodie Wallace  
Vice-President: Brad Reed  
Secretary: Wade Elam  
Treasurer: Rollin Lasseter

The Key Club has announced a new policy. It plans to be more active in school programs and is specifically planning to sponsor much of the entertaining during homecoming.

Other clubs will be announcing plans and officers at a later date. Off to a fine start thus far, the school is expecting bigger and better things from all these extracurricular organizations.

### Homecoming Matches Maroons, Burros

Homecoming this year looms as big as ever on the Montgomery Bell campus as the Maroons tangle with neighborhood rival, Hillsboro. Mentors Tommy Owen and Henry Nance will be matching football wits to see who comes out on top in this big AAA scrap. The Burros have made the switch from AA to AAA this year in fine style, and drubbings by Litton and Cohn are the only losses on their record. Three weeks ago they were held to a tie by East, but tomorrow night they will be out for blood to revenge the 66-6 massacre last year at the hands of the Big Red. Tonight's game will mark the 10th meeting between these schools with MBA holding the edge, winning 7 times to 2 for the Burros. Records so far this season:

MBA	
37 East	0
37 Goodlettsville	0
27 Clarksville	0
7 Ryan	2
13 Cohn	6
20 Springfield	13
25 Dupont	0

#### HILLSBORO

20 Ryan	7
19 Lawrenceburg	13
12 Goodlettsville	0
6 Litton	40
33 Columbia	7
30 East	20
13 Central	6
0 Cohn	18

The Burros will be without the services of fullbacks Jimmy Daniel

and Ralph Cook, but they still have the rest of their fleet backfield in top shape. The Maroons will be facing a rugged Hillsboro line boxed in by fine ends Bobby Mullen and Charles Funk. With surprise sophomore backs the Burros will add depth to their attack. The Maroons can expect an aerial game with field general big Dick Abernathy on the passing end.

Kickoff will be at 8 p.m. on Friday, November 2, after the spaghetti supper.

#### Probable starting lineups:

MBA	
No.	
80 T. Husband	RE
70 J. Murphree	RT
64 Elam	RG
50 Muse	C
62 Grubbs	LG
72 Brothers	LT
83 Duke	LE
12 T. Murphree	QB
23 Hunter	RH
43 Creagh	LH
33 Crawford	FB
HILLSBORO	
No.	
77 Funk	RE
75 Honeywell	RT
62 Gaines	RG
51 Cole	C
64 Westenberber	LG
52 Foxall	LT
81 Mullen	LE
11 Abernathy	QB
20 Neal	RH
41 Rundie	LH
10 McNeese	FB



Photo by Eddie White  
1956-57 cheerleaders pictured above are (kneeling)—Robert White, Caleb Wallwork, Gene Shelton, (standing)—Linda Christie, Pat Spickard, Michael Larsen, Carol Davidson, Judy Lackey. Head cheerleader Bill Lightfoot was not present when the picture was made.



## Editorials

### Let's Go, Big Red

Due to the sincere efforts of each and every student, this should be the most successful homecoming MBA has ever had. The Big Red has had an extremely satisfactory season so far, but a let-down in this game could prove disastrous. The student body owes a debt to Coach Owen for the phenomenal athletic teams he has turned out in the last four years. We hope to fulfill this obligation Friday night by giving the team our utmost support. What could be a better gift to the old grads than a decisive victory over Hillsboro? The team is ready, the student body is ready, and the old grads are awaiting the outcome with bated breath.

### What Is Spirit?

Where is MBA's spirit? Many people have asked this question during the last couple of years. Many old grads say, "When I was at MBA, you had to come to a game early to get a seat, and the yelling was terrific. Where has the spirit disappeared to?" To answer the alumni's question very frankly, I would say that the spirit is still here, and gradually it is building back up. A few years ago MBA reached its lowest ebb in football history, and the spirit more or less died. Why did it die? It died mainly because of human nature, as nobody wants to lose, and people just don't want to yell for a losing team. They want a winning team, and now that they have one, the spirit is building up again. Many people say, "We have a winning team this year, and yet there is still no spirit." The main reason for this feeling is that our students took it for granted that our team would win the state championship even before they played a game. This attitude has been changed in the last few games, any one of which we could have easily lost. The students now realize that in order to have a winning team they are going to have to get behind it and push it to victory. Let's show the alumni that the old MBA spirit is still here, and that this year, as last, we are going to be state champions in football.

### Building Morale Through Cheers

The BELL RINGER staff commends our cheer leaders, Bill Lightfoot, Gene Shelton, Caleb Wallwork, Robert White, Linda Christie, Judy Lackey, Pat Spickard, Carol Davidson, and Mike Larsen for their fine work. They have been doing an excellent job.

We congratulate them on their enthusiasm and versatility. With the full and complete support of every member of the student body, they will be able to blend the cheering section into a dynamic instrument of support for the team.

Let us each pledge our wholehearted cooperation and follow their suggestions in every game. If we do this, patrons will recognize fine co-ordination and harmony in the stands as well as on the gridiron.

Thus, with a winning team and cheering section we present a united front which can overcome all opposition.

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### Our Alumni Speak

Because football is one of MBA's favorite sports, the Bell Ringer staff interviewed some of the former greats of the school and asked this question, "What did football at MBA mean to you?"

Their replies are:

**Bill Brown—1952.** "Football taught me the importance of true teamwork. There is no room for anyone in football or in later life who thinks that he can accomplish anything really great without the help of others. Also to win in football or in later life, one must put out his best effort at all times. Those who do things only halfway are lost in the shuffle."

**Tommy Cate—1952.** "Playing football gave me in return for my energy a sense of both community and competitive spirit, to say nothing of the bodily strength gained from any such competitive sport. This is a high return, indeed, considering the things of questionable value that my energy and time could have been expended upon."

**Bill Davidson—1938.** "To me the most lasting value of football is the sense of teamwork and co-operation gained by those who participate in the game."

**Al Whitson—1945.** "Football offers numerous intangible benefits. Like any competitive sport, football benefits the boy who plays it not only because of the enjoyment derived from participation in it, but also because of the constructive qualities of character it instills within each player."

**Charlie Brooks—1953.** "Football at MBA was the greatest experience of my high school career. Probably the most important lesson I learned from playing football was how to take the hardships of life; for in life as in football, there is no easy way to get on top."

### The Public Servant

Welcome, newcomers. Have I met you before? I make it a point to meet everyone, but if I have not yet made your acquaintance, please pay me a visit. You will not be disappointed. Enter my door and I will lift your heart. Scan my collections and I will bring you new knowledge. Study my volumes and I will breathe fire into your soul. You see, I am the library, created for the purpose of serving you. You don't even have to rub your magic lamp to have my vast store of knowledge within your grasp—just step within my doors.

I make no discriminations among my visitors. All are welcome, and I can supply each one with the kind of entertainment that he likes. Where else can you get so many hours of entertainment free of cost?

I have a book for every mood. As Francis Bacon said, "Some are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." Do not think that because my main concern is knowledge, I have no room for comedy. Indeed, the greater part of my collection was written for your enjoyment alone. But don't take my word for it; come and find out for yourself. For once you have accepted my challenge, we shall be life-long friends.

### New Books in The Library

**Broken Arrow**—Elliott Arnold  
**Dive—Rick and Barbara Carrier**  
**Bloods Prefer Gentlemen**—Shella John Daly

**The President of the United States**—E. B. Fitcher

**The Power of Positive Thinking for Young People**—Norman Vincent Peale

**The First Book of Caves**—Elizabeth Hamilton

**The Day Lincoln Was Shot**—Jim Bishop

**First Boat**—C. B. Colby

**A Thing of Beauty**—A. J. Cronin

**Come As You Are**—O. H. Austin

**Detectives in Togas**—Henry Wintertield

**Odysseus the Wanderer**—Aubrey De Selincourt

**Julius Caesar**—Manuel Komroff

### Fan-Tastic FOOTBALL

(A compilation of football terms as defined by one confused fan.)

**INTERFERENCE:** Cheering so loud it prevents me from hearing how Notre Dame is doing on my portable radio.

**QUARTERBACK:** What I don't get from the program salesman, who never has any change.

**FORWARD PASS:** What I complete every few minutes with the binoculars the fellow in back of me hands to his friend, the fellow in front of me.

**SUSTAINED DRIVE:** The three-hour 50 mile crawl home.

**MIGHTY FORWARD WALL:** People around the refreshment stand during half-time.

**SUBSTITUTION:** Whatever they sell for coffee.

**CLIPPING:** Charging me \$5 each for end-zone seats.

**POINT AFTER TOUCHDOWN:** What the man in front of me does at whichever team scores while yelling, "That's my Alma Mater."

**T-FORMATION:** A method of hiding the ball from the spectators.

**FIRST DOWN:** The people who find it necessary to leave early, all of whom step on my third toe, right foot.

**TOUCHBACK:** What the sharp knees of the man behind me does all afternoon.

**DELAYED BUCK:** Pay-off of the \$1 bet won from my wife.

—Selected

## The Rebel Yells

Since this issue is dedicated to all those boys who play football, let's give a great big Rebel yell for all them chillun'. They have been doing a wonderful job.

Welcome to Mr. Landon, a graduate from David Lipscomb College, who has taken over the classes formerly taught by Mr. Wise, Mr. Landon, a native of Nashville, has really put the fire under the boys in his algebra and geometry classes.

Wearing sun-glasses in school is a common occurrence now, since "Shiny" Duke acquired his front tooth.

The sophomores and juniors have dethroned this year's seniors as kings of society. John Clay's and Tommy Murphree's houses were the scenes of gala affairs which put the seniors to shame.

Congratulations to Mr. Novak, the organizer of four eighth grade intramural teams. The captains and their teams are Walter Hale, the "Pat Faces"; Bill Williams, the "Chickasaws"; Bill Shwab, the "Creeks"; and Pat Wilson, the "Cherokees."

Wiley McDougal and his "lawless" band of hunters invade the cider store for a few quarts of cider after a hard day of hunting. The outstanding incident of the

day occurred when Wiley, trying to get a better look at a "57" Dodge, ran over a telephone post. Wiley's only comment was, "I'm glad it wasn't 'The Fly.'"

All the boys on the hill enjoyed the World Series, especially because they could see it on television. All the credit goes to Frank Cole, who willingly brought his set. Thanks a lot, Frank.

Seen at the junior party was "Elvis" Gerald with a sleek chick hanging on his arm. How about it, Elvis, who was she?

Congratulations to all the boys making the privilege list. The hopes of many seniors now on the privilege list are dwindling as Mrs. "B" starts hitting the boys with harder tests.

MBA to buy rotary lawn mower to polish Hugh's shoes.

Russ Hooper seen with very close friend on Jackson Blvd.

Buddy Skinner, new addition to our cheerleading squad, is quoted, "A little practice now and then will help the cheers of the best of men."

Let's all get behind our team and really give them good cheering at our homecoming game.

## Caribbean Sea for Me!

by Richard Appen

The West Indies! Lands of the old and the new! Everyone at MBA would certainly enjoy a trip to this interesting land. I was fortunate enough to take a trip recently through the Caribbean with my family, and we visited many exotic places. One of the most interesting cities was Ciudad Trujillo in the Dominican Republic. According to legend, Christopher Columbus is buried here in the Basilica of St. Mary the Minor in a very elaborate tomb. In Ciudad Trujillo we also saw the oldest medical university of its kind in South America.

In Venezuela, the next point of interest we visited, slum areas were predominant, although several 14 story apartment houses were being built to help overcome the problem. The number of indigent people is very large throughout South America, although each country is striving to rehabilitate these people.

The birthplace of Simon Bolivar, the "George Washington of South America," is in Caracas. After seeing that, we went inland to Puerto Cabello, stopping by a coconut plantation. We saw many trees we had often read about, including papayas, breadfruit, avocado, banana, and cocoa. We were warmly greeted at the plantation by several five year-olds, who spoke enough English to acquire some money and cigarettes from us. The three-year-olds lived in their birthday suits, and nobody paid any attention to them.

It seems that you do not have

to understand another's language to get along with him. I played ping-pong with a Venezuelan shore patrolman who couldn't speak a word of English, and even though I couldn't speak any Spanish, we seemed to have a mutual understanding of each other.

Next we arrived at Trinidad, where our ship loaded bauxite for the production of aluminum. They were in the midst of their rainy season, when it rains daily for six months. We saw more tropical trees here, including orange, grapefruit, cocoa, banana, coffee, nutmeg, lemon, bamboo, and mango.

The natives in Trinidad amused themselves by cutting the tops off steel oil drums and made drums out of them. By heating and puncturing these drums, they could produce musical tones of any pitch. The music created by the drum was amazingly similar to that of a harp.

We also saw a limbo contest, an event that is the exact opposite of our high jump. The contestants bend over backwards and spread their feet as far apart as possible. They then crawl under a bar with only their feet touching the ground and using their hands to balance themselves. Two of them actually went under the bar at 16 inches.

In Jamaica there were numerous peddlers on the street selling their wares. Their prices ranged from \$.75 to \$1.50. They sold many varied articles, among them Calypso shakers, bamboo vases, carvings made from cow horn, and many straw materials.



# BEAT BURROS, LIONS, TOO!

MBA

vs.

HILLSBORO

November 2

at

MBA

MBA's stellar backfield: Ed Creagh, Billy Crawford, Billy Hunter, Tommy Murphree.



Photo courtesy Nashville Tennessean

MBA

vs.

LITTON

November 9

at

LITTON

(Below) The sturdy forward wall: Tom Husband, John Murphree, Wade Elam, John Muse, Ronnie Grubbs, Don Brothers, David Duke.



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## GO, BIG RED! We're for YOU!

Guaranty Mortgage Co.

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B. H. Stief Jewelry Co.

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Nashville Tent &amp; Awning Co.

Oman Construction Co., Inc.

H. G. Hill Co.

Modern Marine, Inc.

Tenn. Electric Motor Service

Coles &amp; Waller, Jewelers



# PERSONALITIES OF THE GRIDIRON

## ★ Bill Barr

Bill is playing his first year on the varsity as a 190 pound junior tackle. He maintains a very high scholastic average and is a member of the Honor Council and Junior Freedom Forum.

## ★ Robin Beard

A 150 pound end, Robin is also playing his first year on the varsity. He is a senior and active participant in forensics and Hi-Y when he is not playing football.

## ★ Don Brothers

A three year letterman, Don is the captain of the team this year and holds down the most of his 180 pounds. Don is president of the Student Council and is a leader both on and off the gridiron.

## ★ Tony Brush

A senior right halfback weighing 144, Tony is seeing a lot of action for his first year on the varsity. He is also sports editor for The Bell Ringer and has a good scholastic standing.

## ★ Bowyer Cheshire

A first string defensive end, "Otis" is making the most of his 151 pounds. He is a senior and in his second year on the varsity. He also plays baseball.

## ★ John Carpenter

John is a junior weighing 165 pounds and is playing his first year as guard on the varsity. John is active in forensics and is on the Honor Council. He is hoping for another good year on the football team next year.

## ★ John Clay

John, a sophomore, is playing his first year on the varsity. A 180 pound end, he is looking forward to two more years of football. John is also a trackman.

## ★ Runcie Clements

Weighing 156 pounds and playing at center is "Rope" Clements. He is a senior and second year man on the squad. Runcie is on the tennis team and plays basketball.

## ★ Billy Crawford

Having come to MBA from Valdosta, Georgia, Billy has shown his form and drive as a fine football player. He is a 175 pound fullback and has two more years of football to play.

## ★ Ed Creagh

Ed is not only a fine halfback on the football squad but is equally good in basketball, tennis and baseball. He is an "A" student and member of the Honor Council. Ed weighs 156 pounds.

## ★ John Dale

Playing his first year on the varsity, Junior John Dale is seeing lots of action as a 154 pound quarterback. He is vice president of his class and is on the Junior Freedom Forum.

## ★ Emmett Dozier

"Chunkie" is in his second year on the varsity and is a fast left halfback weighing 140 pounds. He is vice-president of the senior class and a top student scholastically.

## ★ David Duke

Dave, 170 pounds, holds down end for the Big Red and is playing his second year on the varsity as a junior. He is on the Student Council for his second year. In addition to football, Dave runs track and plays basketball.

## ★ Wade Elam

At 185 pounds and playing guard is senior Wade Elam. Wade is in his second and last year on the squad. He is active in forensics and the Key Club and is a leader in the senior class.

## ★ Buddy Foxall

Although a leg injury has slowed Buddy up some this season, he is now becoming stronger. This is his first year on the varsity and he plays fullback. He weighs 190 pounds and is also a basketball player and No. 1 man on the MBA golf team.

## ★ John Franklin

Junior John Franklin is playing his first year on the varsity and is a 185 pound tackle. He played junior varsity last year and is looking forward to another year of football.

## ★ Billy Gerald

Not only a fine football player as a 162 pound back, but also equally fine in basketball and baseball is junior Billy Gerald. This is his first year on the varsity, but he has sparked the JV squad for the two preceding years.

## ★ Whitney Griffin

At 150 pounds Whitney is a hustling sophomore guard and is in his first season of varsity football. He was president of his class last year and a leader in the sophomore class this year.

## ★ Ronnie Grubbs

With a good chance for All-City honors, "Baby-doll" is holding down guard for the Big Red at 165 pounds. A rugged defender, this is his last year on the squad, but he is making it his best.

## ★ Carl Hoffer

Carl, a 156 pound end, is playing his first varsity season. He is a senior and plays tennis as well as football. Carl is also active in Hi-Y.

## ★ Clay Huddleston

As a senior in his second year on the squad, Clay has seen little action due to a severe ankle injury. He is a 140 pound right halfback. In addition to football Clay serves on the Honor Council.

## ★ Billy Hunter

First halfback "Cube" Hunter is leading the MBA offense over opponents this season. Billy weighs 165 and is another All-City prospect. In addition to football he runs track and plays basketball.

## ★ Dick Husband

Only a sophomore but still a rugged ball player is Dickie Husband, 200 pound tackle. Dick has two more years to play. He also is on the baseball team.

## ★ Tom Husband

All-City last year and MBA's gift to possible All-State honors is 185 pound end Tom Husband. Tom pitches for the baseball team and is a prospect for college stardom in the future.

## ★ Steve Jewell

Junior Steve Jewell is playing his first year on the squad but had experience last year on the junior varsity. Steve is a 148 pound fullback. Outside of football and studies he sings with the Glee Club.

## ★ George McGugin

Carrying on the football name of McGugin in fine spirit, George is playing his first year as a 151 pound guard. He is a fine student scholastically and is secretary-treasurer of the junior class. George is also a good golfer.

## ★ Wirt McKnight

Wirt is a 154 pound center who came to MBA from East Nashville his sophomore year and is playing his first year on the varsity. He had experience on the JV last season. He is a junior.

## ★ Steve Miller

145 pound "Smilie" Miller is experiencing his first year of varsity football. Steve is a junior

and played on the JV team last year.

## ★ John Murphree

John is alternate captain this year. He is in his third year of football and plays tackle at 185 pounds. He has had a starting position since his sophomore year and is a good bet for All-City.

## ★ Tommy Murphree

"Sophomore sensation" last year, Tommy has taken on quarterback chores at 151 pounds. Off the gridiron Tommy is president of the junior class and holds a high scholastic average.

## ★ John Muse

Big John is earning his second letter on the MBA squad this year as a junior. He plays center and weighs 240 pounds. John also sings with the Glee Club.

## ★ Alan Purdy

Alan is on the varsity his first year, but has had experience 2 years on the JV. He is a junior guard and weighs 145 pounds. Scholastically Alan ranks high in his class and is active in the Key Club.

## ★ Bobby Raiford

Just a sophomore, Bobby has seen limited action this year but hopes to play a lot more in the next two years. He is a halfback and weighs 135 pounds.

## ★ Buddy Skinner

A senior earning his second letter on the team is Buddy Skinner, 172 pound guard. A rugged defender, he has helped hold down opponents' scoring against the Maroons. He is in running for All-City honors.

## ★ Jim Thurman

"Hot" is playing his second year on the team, though not consecutively. A 155 pound end, he played his sophomore year, but was out of action last year due to a leg injury. Jim also is a dash man for the track team.

## ★ Ransom White

Having sustained a back injury the first of the season, Ransom has been out of action for four games. He is a 157 pound fullback and is in his second year on the squad. Ransom is an "A" student, a senior, and president of the Honor Council.

## ★ Dick Williams

"Tub" is a 183 pound tackle playing his second year of varsity football. Dick not only plays football but baseball as well. He is active in forensics and takes part in many school activities.

## ★ Jim Woodward

Jim came to MBA his sophomore year from West High and has become a fine member of the student body. He is a 155 pound end and looks forward to another year of MBA football.

## What Is A Football Player . . . ?

Between the innocence of boyhood and the dignity of man, we find a sturdy creature called the football player. Football players come in assorted weights, heights, jersey colors and numbers, but all have the same creed: to play every second of every game to the best of their ability.

*Football players are found everywhere—underneath, on top of, running around, jumping over, passing by, twisting from, or diving through the enemy. Teammates rub them, officials penalize them, students cheer them, kid brothers idolize them, coaches criticize them, pretty girls adore them, alumni tolerate them, and mothers worry about them. A football player is Courage in cleats, Hope in a helmet, Pride in pads, and the best of Young Manhood in moleskins.*

When your team is behind, a football player is incompetent, careless, indecisive, lazy, unco-ordinated and stupid. Just when your team threatens to turn the tide of battle, he misses a block, fumbles the ball, drops a pass, jumps offside, falls down, runs the wrong way or completely forgets his assignment.

A football player is a composite—he eats like Notre Dame, sleeps like Notre Dame, but more often than not plays like Grand Canyon grade school. To an opponent publicity man, he has the speed of a gazelle, the strength of an ox, the size of an elephant, the cunning of a fox, the agility of an adagio dancer, the quickness of a cat and the ability of Red Grange, Glen Davis, Bronko Nagurski and Jim Thorpe—combined.

*To his own coach he has, for press purposes, the stability of a mule, the fleetness of a snail, the mentality of a mule, is held together by adhesive tape, bailing wire, sponge rubber, and has about as much chance of playing on Friday as would his own grandfather.*

To an alumnus, a football player is someone who will never kick as well, run as far, block as viciously, tackle as hard, fight as fiercely, give as little ground, score as many points or generate nearly as much spirit as did the particular players of his own yesteryear.

A football player is a wonderful creature—you can't discourage him. You can defeat his team but never his spirit.

*Might as well admit—be you alumnus, coach or fan—he is your personal representative on the field, your symbol of fair and hard play. He may not be an All-American but he is an example of the American Way. He is judged, not for his race, religion, social standing or finances, but by the democratic yardsticks of how well he blocks, tackles and sacrifices individual glory for the overall success of his team.*

He is a hard-working, untiring, determined kid doing the very best he can for his school. And when you come out of the stadium, grousing and feeling upset that your team has lost, he can make you feel almighty ashamed with just two sincerely spoken words—"We tried!"

—Blue and White, Red Bank High, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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# Big Red Defeats First Seven Opponents



The Big Red, T. Murphree carrying the ball, scores from one yard line against Springfield.

Photo by Eddie White

## MBA Opens by Ripping East, 37-0

MBA's powerful Big Red opened the defense of its state championship by ripping East, 37-0. The feature of the game was a potent Maroon defense that gang-tackled viciously and set up four of the MBA touchdowns. The defense was led by Ronnie Grubbs, who, along with blocking two punts and intercepting a pass, repeatedly broke through to harass Eagle ball carriers. The offense was led by elusive senior halfback Billy Hunter, who gained 70 yards in 12 carries, and by his running mate Ed Creagh, who picked up 60 yards in 6 tries. Hunter kicked a 15-yard field goal in the last period, a rarity for high school games. Grubbs and end Tom Husband, also a defensive standout, made the weekly all-city team.

## Hunter Leads Maroons Over Goodlettsville, 37-0

MBA's speedy Maroons, outweighed by 16 pounds per man in the line, overwhelmed Goodlettsville's mammoth Trojans, 37-0, at Lyell Field. The Big Red was in complete charge of the game throughout, as the Maroon linemen opened huge holes in Goodlettsville's massive, 200-pound forewall, and the backs poured through for long gains behind crisp downfield blocking. The Maroon offense was led by halfback Billy Hunter, who gave easily the best athletic performance of his four years at MBA. The mercury-heeled Hunter gave a brilliant demonstration of broken-field running, scoring on a pair of short plunges, one of these set up by a 36-yard run, and scoring on an 83-yard punt return. He also caught a 43-yard pass and kicked an extra point, giving him a total of 19 points for the night. Also scoring were David Duke, who took a 30-yard pass from Tommy Murphree; Buddy Foxall, who scored on a 10-yard blast in the last quarter, and Emmett Dozier who took a handoff from Tony Brush on a punt return, cut to the sidelines, and raced 53 yards into the end zone. Johnny Murphree, Ronnie Grubbs, Buddy Skinner, and Don Brothers were defensive standouts, while Hunter was named "Player of the Week."

## Big Red Overwhelms Clarksville, 27-0

MBA roared to its twenty-second straight victory by romping over Clarksville, 27-0. Perennial nemesis Clarksville was the last team to defeat MBA, stopping the Big Red 25-15 in 1954. However, the Maroons gave a capable Wildcat eleven no chance to pull another upset as the Big Red dominated play from the very outset. MBA's slashing defense highlighted the game, holding Clarksville to 54 net yards gained, while the offense rolled up 326 yards on the ground and in the air. Scoring for the Big Red were Ed Creagh on an 11-yard dash in the first quarter that was set up by Don Brother's pass interception; David Duke on a perfect 22-yard toss from Tommy Murphree; Tom Husband, on a fine bulging run after taking a short pass from Murphree, and then Murphree himself inched over from the one for the final marker. The Maroon offense was led by shifty Ed Creagh, who ran brilliantly all night, picking up 115 in 13 carries. Promising sophomore transfer Billy Crawford and end David Duke were also standouts on offense, along with guard Wade Elam. Tom Husband, Don Brothers, and Buddy Skinner were defensive standouts, along with alternate captain Johnny Murphree and ace linebacker Ronnie Grubbs.

## MBA Scrapes by Fired-up Ryan, 7-2

MBA's Maroons, suffering a letdown after three straight impressive victories, slipped by a fired-up Ryan team, 7-2. The Maroons scored their only touchdown in the first quarter when fleet Billy Hunter intercepted a Ryan aerial and dashed 40 yards for the tally. He then kicked the extra point, and MBA was through scoring for the night. Ryan played us to a standstill the rest of the game, scoring a safety when guard Wade Elam fell on Tommy Murphree's fumble in the MBA end zone. Ryan was deprived of a touchdown when Anthony Gill's 30-yard dash into the end zone was called back for a penalty. David Duke on offense and Buddy Skinner on defense turned in the best efforts for the Big Red.

## Big Red Edges Fighting Cohn, 13-6

For the second straight week MBA had to scrape by a surprisingly rugged opponent as they toppled Cohn, 13-6. After a second quarter touchdown by Tommy Murphree that gave the Big Red a 6-0 halftime lead, Cohn roared back to tie it up 6-6 early in the fourth quarter. Faced with a possible tie or even a defeat that would mar their record, the Big Red showed its mettle by driving 70 yards to score with three minutes left to play. Ed Creagh went over for the touchdown, Billy Hunter kicked the extra point, and the scoreboard showed 13-6, MBA. Cohn tried several desperation passes that failed

and the game was over. Cohn's workhorse halfback, Tommy Wells, was probably the best back the Big Red has yet faced. Tom Husband, Buddy Skinner, and Johnny Murphree were defensive standouts for the Big Red, while sophomore fullback Billy Crawford performed brilliantly on offense. He ripped the Cohn line unmercifully, and time after time broke into the Cohn secondary for long gains. He totaled 125 yards for the night and was named to the weekly all-city team.

## Scintillating Maroon Rally Stuns Springfield, 20-13

MBA's gallant Maroons, staging an inspired second-half comeback behind the passing of junior quarterback Tommy Murphree, surged to an exhilarating 20-13 victory over a hard-hitting Springfield team. The first half was virtually a stand-off, Springfield scoring from the one-yard line after blocking a Maroon punt. However, it was a grimly determined Big Red team that took the field for the second half. The Maroons took the kickoff and roared 69 yards for a touchdown, Tommy Murphree scoring on a one-foot plunge. The rugged Yellow Jackets surged right back to score, Terry Black's 48-yard run featuring a 70-yard drive. After halfback Billy Hunter returned the ensuing kickoff to his 46-yard line, quarterback Murphree uncorked a perfect toss to end David Duke, who made a terrific individual effort and outran two defenders. Hunter kicked the extra point, and the score was knotted 13-13. Tommy Murphree set up the final touchdown by tossing to Emmett Dozier, who sped down the sidelines for a 47-yard gain. Murphree then sneaked over, Hunter kicked the extra point, and the Big Red won 20-13, as Springfield's desperation passes were to no avail. Highlighting the Maroon offense was the second-half passing of Tommy Murphree along with the running of swift halfbacks Hunter and Dozier. Captain Don Brothers, Ronnie Grubbs, and Buddy Skinner led the MBA defense.

## Maroons Conquer Dupont, 25-0

MBA marched to its seventh victory of the year by dumping DuPont, 25-0, and setting the stage for the decisive games with Litton and Hillsboro. The feature of the game against an outmanned DuPont was the passing of quarterback Tommy Murphree to end David Duke. Duke caught touchdown passes of 29 and 27 yards and another aerial to Billy Hunter set up a third Maroon touchdown. David Duke, Tommy Murphree, and Emmett Dozier were standouts on offense, while Don Brothers and Buddy Skinner were the main cogs in the defense. Skinner was named "Lineman of the Week" for his brilliant performance.

## Microbe Team Undefeated In Its Division

The Microbes of MBA have finished the regular season play of 1956 with an undefeated record. Under the coaching of Mr. Lee Meriwether the team has done a good job. When asked about his key to success, Mr. Meriwether stated simply, "I've got the material!"

On the football team are: Ends: Walter Hale, Buddy Vaughn, Steve Ward, David Patterson.

Tackles: Ira Reese, Cam McCoy.

Guards: Howard Dickinson, David Walker, Bill Campbell, Bill Cheek, Coleman Harwell, Ray Francis.

Center: Bob Evans.

Quarterbacks: Chris Williams, Pat Wilson.

Fullbacks: Bill Cochrane, Frank Hutchison, Phil Hendrickson.

Halfbacks: Bill Shwab, Tony Todd, Edmond Ball, John Myhr, Ralph Chandler, "Duck" Caldwell, Mason Houghland.

Bill Shwab is captain, and Ira Reese is co-captain.

**Microbes Overpower Robertson Academy, 19-0.** On September 21 the Microbes gave Robertson Academy good 19-0 licking. Halfback Bill Shwab made all the tallies and the extra point. Walter Hale and Cam McCoy were fine standouts in this game, Hale taking care of the aerials coming his way and McCoy taking the kicking.

**H. G. Hill Clipped by Microbes, 14-6.** On September 28 the Microbes defeated H. G. Hill 14-6. In the first quarter Hill went ahead 6-0 after recovering an MBA fumble, but later Shwab scored for MBA, and after the extra point the Microbes were ahead 7-6. MBA scored again making the final score 14-6. Ira Reese, Howard Dickinson, and David Walker did a fine job in the line.

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## Coach Owen Injects New Spirit

State Champions! This was the title bestowed upon last year's football team after the Big Red decisively whipped Litton in the Clinic Bowl. But few of us stop to realize what an amazing feat this was, when you consider that in 1952 MBA didn't win a game and only scored three touchdowns all season. Most of us explain this miraculous upsurge by saying, "Oh, but now we've got Coach Owen."

Who is this man to whom we owe such a tremendous debt of gratitude? Coach Owen, thirty-two years old and a graduate of Vanderbilt, spent five years coaching at Amory, Mississippi, before coming to MBA. Previous to coaching at Amory, he served in the United States Air Force in England from 1942 to 1945.



Coach Tommy Owen

When Coach Owen arrived at MBA, the school's athletic fortunes were at their lowest ebb, particularly in football. Coach Owen promptly injected a new spirit and enthusiasm into MBA's football and basketball teams and organized a track team. The football team had a vastly improved season, going to the Peanut Bowl game in Valdosta Georgia. Even though MBA lost, it was clearly evident that the Big Red was returning to the pinnacle of high school football. The basketball and track teams also had extremely successful seasons, the basketball team advancing to the semi-finals of the regional tournament before bowing out.

We all know what accomplishments MBA's teams have made since then: The football team winning nine games in 1954 and ten last year, when we finally established a clear-cut superiority over Litton; two more excellent basketball teams, and the track team going to the State Meet two years running. Along with these unparalleled feats, the tennis team has continued its domination of the NIL, and the baseball and golf teams have given very high-caliber performances.

But more than fine records, Coach Owen has instilled in the MBA boys lofty ideals of sportsmanship and Christian living that will remain with them long after their years on the hill become only a misty memory. He has exemplified the true Christian gentleman in his every dealing with us, and it is with the deepest sincerity and appreciation that we will remember him after we graduate.

the score to a disheartening 40-6 win.

## CLARKSVILLE 12-MAROONS 6

After a scoreless first quarter, MBA's Mike Sheffey plunged into the end zone and drew long blood. Minutes later stubborn Clarksville tallied to tie the score 6-6.

In the second half, Clarksville crossed the double stripes for the second time to lead the Maroons

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## JV Averages .800

This year our JV team is one of which Coach Brown can be proud. The team is composed of good material and is capable of holding its own against any other team in their league. Although to date they have a 4-1-0 record, with experience under their belts, we expect the boys to really come out on top. At moments in their first four games the boys were not quite up to par, but with such good personnel and equally good coaching the boys can look forward to a much brighter future.

Following is the JV squad:

Ends: Tommy Sloan, Frank Cherry, Phil Kown, Anders Myhr, Wilson Prueher, Estick Daniel.

Tackles: Joe Palmer, Ben McDermott, Craig Nelson, Dale Sullivan, Chip Hutchison.

Guards: Ben Mayes, Jack Hooper, Paul Simpson, Dick Loftin, Jerry Smith, Sam Glasgow, Billy Whitmer, Sam Pickering, Wendell Spicer.

Centers: Steve Garrett, Don Steinbaugh, Walton Williams.

Quarterbacks: Mike Sheffey, Bobby Priest, Jimmy Killebrew.

Fullbacks: George Creagh, Carl Babb, Russell Hart.

Halfbacks: Tom Stephens, Jack Hall, Billy Cunningham, Tommy Roberts, Mike Thompson, Jimmy Pickle, Willie Hardison, Max Grant.

**BURROS 40-MAROONS 6**

The JV had their share of bad breaks when they were defeated by Hillsboro in a pre-season scrimmage 40-6.

The bright spot of the game for MBA was the opening kickoff. MBA, winning the toss, elected to receive. Jack Hall took the ball on his own 15 yard line and raced 85 yards for the Maroons' first and only TD. The extra point was missed.

After the Burros had tallied to tie the Maroons, an MBA punt was blocked to give the Burros their second scoring opportunity. Following this, the Burros scored in all remaining quarters to bring



## Voice of Democracy Contest to Be Held In November

American freedom is our most priceless heritage. Few Americans realize how vigilant we must continue to be if we expect to preserve this precious gift of individual freedom that is becoming a rarity in the world today. Each person must make a greater contribution to the service of the country. This applies to the youth of the country, who are inclined to take their freedom for granted. We, the youth, can provide inspiration for our fellow Americans by entering the tenth annual Voice of Democracy contest to be held next month. This contest is open to all high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors in the United States. Contestants deliver oral speeches in school and community. Winners record their speeches on tape for state and national eliminations. Speeches are judged on content, delivery, and originality. Four national winners will be selected. Each of these will receive a \$500 scholarship and an expense-paid trip to Washington.

Bob Marks, Wade Elam, George Sloan, and Caleb Wallwork have been chosen as representatives from MBA's senior class. The one who is judged the best will represent MBA in the Nashville contest, which will be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. This is certainly a worthy project and merits the support of each of us.

### JV AVERAGES

(Continued from page 5, Col. 5) 12-6. The Clarksville defense dug in and managed to hold the Maroons scoreless for the remainder of the game to upset them 12-6.

### MAROOHS 12-RYAN 6

MBA was able to come through with brilliant offensive and defensive play to upset Ryan 13-6. The first score came in the first period when Tom Stephens plunged over from the 7 yard line. Stephens also made good the extra point to make the score 7-0. Later in the second period, Mike Sheffey tossed a pass to Wilson Prueher for the Maroons' final TD. The extra point was missed.

The second half appeared to be a defensive battle until the middle of the fourth period when Ryan scored on an end sweep. The rest of the quarter was a hard fought defensive battle. When the final whistle blew, the score was 13-6 in favor of MBA.

### MBA 48-COHN 9

The JV really "opened up" against the Cohn Tigers. From the opening kickoff until the final whistle, our boys moved the ball well. MBA was without a doubt the superior team.

MBA's first TD came late in the first period when Mike Sheffey went into the end zone on a "keeper" play. A few minutes later Tom Stephens took a hand-off and raced into the end zone. At the half the score stood MBA 13, Cohn 0.

In the third quarter the Maroons scored twice on touchdowns by Stephens and Max Grant. The Maroons entered the fourth quarter leading 27-0, but soon scored twice more on a pass to Wilson Prueher and on an end sweep by Tommy Roberts.

When the final whistle blew, the Red team was victorious by a terrific score of 40-0.

### MBA 28-CUMBERLAND 7

The JV continued its winning ways by romping over Cumberland 28-7 on the winners' field. Tom Stephens began the MBA scoring parade by scoring on an end run in the first quarter. Another first period tally came when Mike Sheffey passed to Wilson Prueher. Carl Babbs scored on a three yard plunge in the second quarter and again on a two yard plunge in the fourth quarter. It was a fine win for the Maroons.

**TOM**  
*Harrison*  
FLOWERS



Photo by Eddie White  
Pictured above are the Freedom Forum speakers with their sponsor, Mrs. Norton Campbell. Left to right are: Ransom White, Bill Lightfoot, Wade Elam, Mrs. Campbell, Walter Bearden, George Sloan, and Jody Wallace.

## Freedom Forum Looks Forward To Another Successful Year

What, Why, If, and How are the questions that will be asked to develop the subjects of the Freedom Forum this year. The subject is: "The American Way of Life versus Communism."

Mrs. Norton Campbell will again be in charge of the Freedom Forum. The script for this year's Freedom Forum will be entirely different from that of last year, because the speeches have been written and compiled by Mrs. Campbell and her son, the Reverend Norton Campbell, Jr.

The Freedom Forum is composed of boys who were on the Junior Freedom Forum last year. The boys are Walter Bearden, Wade Elam, Jodie Wallace, Ransom White, George Sloan, and Bill Lightfoot.

Dr. Sager received many letters last year, informing him of the fine job the Freedom Forum and Mrs. Campbell were doing. One D.A.R. chapter in Nashville said that the Forum had been the finest program they had had the entire year and that they hoped the Freedom Forum would come back again this year. In a letter to Dr. Sager from one of the members of the Sertoma Club the member said, "During the thirty minute presentation you could have heard a pin drop, such was the keen interest and attention shown by every member."

Mr. Ben Crump, president of the Nashville Shrine Club, said, "I don't believe we have had any program which brought more favorable comment than this one." The Freedom Forum has already made appearances at Bellevue, Cohn, and Harpeth Hall. The Freedom Forum plans to carry on through the year, making appearances at most of the high schools throughout the city and also the various clubs.

The boys throughout the school feel that the panels have done a good job in promoting interest in the freedoms we enjoy in this country.

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## New Gym Construction Begins in January

Mr. J. C. Dale, president of the Fathers Club, announced following their recent meeting that construction is soon to begin on the new gymnasium. The bids of the various contractors were submitted October 25. Announcement will shortly be made concerning the firm receiving the contract. Plans call for the building to be ready by the opening of the fall term.

In addition to giving consideration to the new gym two other projects were mentioned, building a new fence around the tennis

courts and remodeling the public address system on the football field.

The Father's Club presented the new officers to the approximately 75 men present. The officers are:

President—Mr. J. C. Dale  
Vice-President—Mr. Charles Crough  
Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Tom Husband

The meeting was concluded with a talk and the showing of game pictures by Coach Tommy Owen.

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